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MARRIAGE.

DEATHS.

At Dumfries, February 27th, D. LANDALE, of
Shanghai, to MILDRED SOPHIA FORTUNE.
At Lindley, S. Africa, February 26th, W.
OVERBERG, son of the late C. W. Overberg, of
Shanghai.
At the General Hospital, Singapore, on
March 31st, ALFRED LLOYD, aged 22 years.
R.I.P.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1902.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THREATENED INVASION OF NATAL.

LONDON, April 6th.

The elaborate defensive measures which
are being taken in Natal appear to confirm
the Boer reports that Commandant Botha is
threatening an invasion of that territory.

HEAVY FIGHTING:—BOERS REPULSED.

Heavy fighting has occurred on the Harts
River, Western Transvaal, in which the
Boers were repulsed. The British lost three
officers and 24 men killed, sixteen officers
and 130 men wounded.

TERRIBLE AFFAIR AT A FOOT-BALL MATCH.

March 6th.

At the Association football match, Eng-
land versus Scotland, played at Glasgow, the
crowd broke through the barriers, and twenty
persons were killed, and 128 injured.

SOUTH AFRICA.

THE BOER FORCES.

Eight thousand Boers are said to be still
in the field.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A BIG FIRE.—Four thousand houses were
burnt to the ground in Fuku, Japan on the 1st
instant.

A HUGE DIVIDEND.—The Mysore Gold
Mining Company has declared a dividend of a
hundred and thirty per cent.

THE CORPORATION has granted an allow-
ance of £300 a year to Lady Monckton, widow
of the late Town Clerk of the City of
London.

SIR WILLIAM DALRY is coming out for a
holiday run to and through the East. Sir
William has been consulting aural surgeons at
St. George's Hospital for many years.

RED SEA LIGHTS.—Lord Cranborne,
replying to a question, said the government was
communicating with Italy in reference to the
latter's proposals to establish a lighthouse at
Gardafui.

THE BATTLESHIP VENGANCE has been
ordered to commission at Portsmouth
on April 18 for temporary service with the
Mediterranean Fleet, whence she would go to
the China Station if required.

TERRIBLES AGAIN TO THE FRONT.—
The captain, officers, and ship's company of
H.M.S. *Terrible*, on the China Station have,
per Captain Percy Scott, forwarded £50 as a
donation to the *Cobden* relief fund.

THE KING'S VISIT TO IRELAND.—The
Earl of Cadogan, in a speech at Dublin, said he
hoped that before long the King would be able
to realise his strong wish to visit Ireland, the
idea of which originated with his Majesty.

CHOLERA.—Owing to the five fatal cases of
cholera in Mr. Dorabjee's stables in Robinson
Road, the Sanitary Authorities have ordered
the closing up of Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 21, 25, 27,
29, 31, 33, 35, 37 and 39, Mosque Junction.

CONSUL-GENERAL OF JAPAN.—The
London Gazette notifies that the King has been
pleased to approve of Mr. Minoo Arakawa as
Consul-General of Japan at London. Mr.
Arakawa has for some years filled the post of
Consul in London, and his recent promotion to
Consul-General has already been noticed by us.

THE HEALTH OF HONGKONG.—The
sixth plague case of the year was reported
during the 24 hours ending at noon yesterday,
the victim, a Chinaman at 19, Lung Hong
Street, succumbing to the disease. Last week's
figures of communicable diseases were:—
Plague, 2 cases, 2 deaths (Chinese); cholera,
34 Chinese cases (at in Victoria, 13 from
S.S. *Hong Moh* in the Harbour), 29 deaths;
diphtheria, one Portuguese case; enteric fever,
2 Japanese cases; small-pox, 6 Chinese cases
(one in the Harbour); 6 deaths.

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC to

WEI-HAI-WEI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WEI-HAI-WEI, March 22nd.

The important telegrams which have come to hand of late, and what they mean for Wei-hai-wei are still occupying our attention. Nothing has happened since my last to throw any further light on the fate of the 1st Chinese Regiment, whether its *dénûte* is to be sudden, whether it is to be a case of

SLOW TORTURE.

or whether it is to take place at all. A new Quartermaster has arrived, and taken up his residence on the front. This does not look as if anything very sudden is going to happen. The *North China Daily News* irreverently suggests the epithet "flapdoodle" as an appropriate description of the statement of Lord Onslow on the future of Wei-hai-wei and its garrison. Possibly, Lord Onslow told us little to the point, but the remarks of the *N. C. D. News*, in the same article, on the method of "disbanding" the regiment are open to the same charge. That journal supposes that when, in future the Chinese soldier is summoned home by his grandmother for some domestic function, instead of being punished for desertion as heretofore, a dollar will be put into his pocket and he will be told to stay away. This is also something very much like "flapdoodle." The process of "disbanding," if it takes place at all, will be a gradual one; the thing will be done decently and in order. Length of service, and not the summons of a grandmother, will be the basis on which the men will receive their *cong*, in batches as their time is up. No doubt many of the same men will form the police force foreshadowed by Lord Onslow, who was, after all, only acting as the mouthpiece of Mr. Chamberlain, into whose control the colony has passed. As I am told, a small boy put it in his letter home—with visions doubtless of Sikh policemen floating before his mind. "Dear Mother, the fond epistle ran, 'the Chinese regiment is to be disbanded, and there is going to be a lot of bobbies instead.'"

But anyone on the spot will heartily endorse what the *N. C. D. News* says of the climate of Wei-hai-wei. It is now

THE PERFECTION OF SPRING.

just an English spring, with clearness and cloudlessness thrown in. Why the holiday-maker, the seeker after rest and change, should wait for the heat of midsummer, I know not. Wei-hai-wei is at its best now, and will be for three months to come. Skip the hotter weather and the rains of July and August, and the fall of the year presents once more an unexceptionable climate. And here, mayhap, the *N. C. D. News* will find a cure for another of its griefs, for Wei-hai-wei, in its character of Naval and Military Sanitarium, will tempt the soldiers of Hongkong to its cooler shores, and half-battalions in turn will, in all probability, be quartered here. Thus will the *N. C. D. News* have the military band it pants for—it will never get it out of the first Chinese Regiment!

Attempts have been made in certain quarters, in speaking of this place, to

"DAMN WITH FAINT PRAISE."

You are perhaps familiar with a certain colonial Governor's description of Wei-hai-wei. His Excellency, fresh from the luxuriant vegetation of the tropics, was here for a fortnight. Most of that time he spent on board a warship, laid up with an attack of ague. In his report, he said that Wei-hai-wei suggested "a colder Eden." This comparison anyone familiar with the place resents as a libel. But great allowances can be made for the shivering Governor, "crib'd cabin'd and confined." Passing to a more recent case, it is with amused surprise that one reads in the leading article of a paper which struggles out of the fever-stricken mud-flats of Tientsin, that "Wei-hai-wei is in the position of the proverbial sow's ear, it cannot be made into a silken purse." True, the writer immediately proceeds to whittle away this statement by speaking of "its natural advantages," etc., but the proverb sticks, that is the "sow's ear" the average reader takes away with him, and the impression created is bad. The writer may argue that the proverb is only intended to apply to the commercial prospects of Wei-hai-wei, but he goes on to suggest the possibilities of mineral wealth—"if" (on examination) "it has the qualifications to become an industrial centre, it undoubtedly will." But if it has these possibilities, the proverb does not apply, for the "sow's ear" may be made into a silken purse after all. As a matter of fact, if the sole asset to which Wei-hai-wei could lay claim was its climate, if that was all

ITS DOWRY.

from the hand of Nature, that would be enough. Out of this one fact is already springing up a fashionable watering-place, a popular health resort. The climate of Wei-hai-wei will be its making, and I suggest that the *P. and T. Times* find another text for its next sermon on this subject.

It will be of interest to state briefly what has been done, what is being done, and what might be done—quickly and at a small cost—to make Wei-hai-wei more like a British Colony, more like a British watering-place, I have dealt with the first in a previous letter, but will recapitulate the main items—the new road from half Moon Bay to Flagstaff Hill, including the Esplanade.

A FINE COAST DRIVE.

six miles in length, the new jetty, with all of water at the lowest tides; the making of new wells under proper supervision; the erection of various official residences, the twelve bungalows of the Wei-hai-wei Land and Building Co., and the Queen's Hotel.

WHAT IS BEING DONE?

The Esplanade is receiving some finishing touches. It is being remodelled with a layer of disintegrated granite, and a stone coping is

COTTAM & CO. GENTS' DRIVING

being added along the sea-wall. The old adapted Chinese houses of Major Bruce and Colonel Flower, together with the stabling attached to them have been pulled down, and in the space thus created, in about the centre of the Bund, are to be erected quarters for the Financial Assistant, and a Town Hall, at a cost of about \$10,000. The latter will contain a good-sized room, 56ft. by 26, which with a gallery will be capable of seating 250 persons, and will be available for concerts etc. This will greatly improve the appearance of the front. It only wants a Company with some "go" and enterprise in them to buy up the remaining Chinese houses, and erect in their place a row of English villas, and we should have a very respectable promenade. Don't Companies of this kind grow in "Hongkong?"

At the western entrance to the town a new market place is to be opened, together with a new dairy and a cement watering-trough. The Colonial Office.

ESTIMATES FOR THE COMING YEAR.

have been sanctioned. I am unable at present to give details beyond the fact that among other things provision has been made for the construction of twenty miles of main roads in addition to those already in existence. Of course an important work soon to be taken in hand is the new Commissioner's House, which whatever its site, is bound to be a prominent and commanding building.

Great activity prevails on King Hall Point, some hundreds of coolies are engaged in the extension of the

QUEEN'S HOTEL.

which is already taking shape. When completed, the Hotel will compare with anything in the East, in size, or situation. Round the next point is another scene of industry. The road here takes an inward bend, and between it and high-water mark a bank of earth is being raised of considerable extent. Mr. Vernon is sinking \$14,000 in making a site for his house, and he is determined not to be far from the sea. Round the next point again, is the bay with the Iron Pier, still in a fair state of preservation, which ought to be at once taken in hand, repaired and improved. It is a much better structure than the jetty referred to above, it would make an excellent promenade pier, and would be quite close to the new Commissioner's House, if that is built on Grafton Point. May be the military band for which the *N. C. D. News* longs will some day be found giving concerts on this pier!

Now as to what might and could be done, I will not make such far-reaching suggestions, nor start with so odious a comparison, as the Editor of the *P. and T. Times*. But all well-wishers of Wei-hai-wei feel bound to strongly advocate this—the prohibiting of the cutting down of trees on the seaward slopes of Narctissus Bay. If this were enforced, it would

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in the appearance of the place in a single year. The denuded slopes would be clothed with fir and young oak trees. The only inconvenience the Chinaman would be put to would be that he would have to cut down trees and tear up shrubs on the northern slopes of the hills instead of the southern, and it would make a world of difference to the appearance of Wei-hai-wei from the sea. Similarly, a row or two of hardy trees planted along the front would make a shady and beautiful promenade, and the thing could be easily done. Finally, there is the question of the name. May I remind you that what is, to all intents and purposes, the capital of a British colony, labours under the ignominious and indistinctive appellation of *Malou*, which may also be spelt *Mal-la*. That, as Mr. Weller would say, "depends upon the taste and fancy of the speller." It may be pronounced *Mal-la* or *Mal-too*, as you please. It means "a jetty." Now there are a dozen "jetties" on the shores of the bay, and on the island. Yet the centre of administration of 288 miles of British territory, and the predestined "Queen of Far Eastern watering places" is to be tied up for ever to an ugly Chinese name that means nothing more or less than "a jetty." We hope Mr. Lockhart will come to the rescue. We hope the new Commissioner will signalize.

THE YEAR OF HIS ADVENT

and the coronation of the king by a christening. We hope he will find some Christian, some significant, some British name for the scene of his future labours. Hongkong has its Victoria; Wei-Hai-Wei wants something of the same sort.

Signs are not wanting that the Territory is gradually passing under the sway of the Colonial Office. Chief among these is the

DEPARTURE OF THE R.E.

who are to make way for their civilian successors. Major Cowan, who has filled for several months the office of Acting Commissioner, and Major Lee, who has superintended the works on the mainland, will leave behind them, throughout the Colony, a sense of loss. H.M.S. *Argonaut* leaves here on the 1st, with the Engineers on board.

THE OUTBREAK IN HONAN.

THE BOXER GOVERNOR'S GUILT.

PEKING, 27th March.

It seems to be very difficult to suppress the rioters in Honan. They have killed converts, wounded missionaries and burnt missions and they are still raging more furiously than ever. The French Minister went to the Board of Foreign Affairs (*Wai-Wu-fu*) yesterday and enquired minutely about the state of affairs in Honan. He asked the Yamen to inform him of all future developments. The officials of the *Wai-Wu-fu* were thereby thrown into confusion. Everybody in Peking believes that the Governor Hsi-liang, being one of the officials who assisted the Boxers, has caused the present outbreak.

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TIENTSIN DAY BY DAY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

TIENTSIN, March 22nd.

The rain I mentioned in my last turned to snow and for two days Tientsin has been buried in raw white slush, for the snow at this season is too wet to call anything else. It has been very welcome, as calculated to check small-pox and other diseases which have been hanging around.

Reports are again being circulated about

THE CITY BEING GIVEN OVER, the date being either May 1st or July 1st but investigation shows that the rumours are based on very slender foundation and quite as likely as not are started in some quarter where the wish is father to thought. That the Ministers discuss the question at intervals is most probable, and that most of them are in favour of giving up the place seems equally true. But the German Minister is so far resolute in his disapproval of the proposal until the river and bar have been tackled by an expert, and made navigable. Count von Waldersee's parting instructions and advice were that the city should be held until this river work was carried out, as he maintained if it was not done before the city was handed back it never would be done after, China's undertakings never have been carried out and are not likely to be at this crisis, in fact she has already done her best to

"INFRINGE MOST OF THE OTHER CONDITIONS." of the Protocol, therefore why should she not do the same with the stipulation for the Feiho Conservancy, Von Waldersee maintained this was the last trump card in the hands of the Powers and should not be lightly thrown away. British sense of propriety and legality will not allow us to find any excuse for retaining the city because its retention was not specified in the Protocol and in fact its return was understood. But surely a great many other things were understood when those articles were signed. It was understood that there were to be no examinations: no arms imported and ammunition made, yet both things have been going on. It was understood that the forts and walls razed were not to be rebuilt; but Yuan has long since arranged for the reconstruction of the Black Fort and Wall so soon as he gets back the city. It is argued that

CHINA BREAKING HER AGREEMENTS is no justification for our doing the same. In China we may say almost anything is justified. It is absurd, and merely counting fresh disaster to treat China as a reasonable Power. Individuals are admirable, and one meets men one feels it to have been an honour to know, but the Government and Officials class are as unreasonable and ignorant as a child, and as well might one try to expound to a child of four the Darwinian theory, or the revolution of man as to try and awaken in the governing class of China an appreciation of honour's words. It may be unstatesman-like and hair-starting for diplomacy to steal a march, but in no other way will any Power come up abreast of China, and it is only those Powers who

PLAY HER ON HER OWN LINE

which will come out top. If the City is kept on the T.P.G. can and are paying out of the receipts the whole of Chihli's share of the indemnity and can furnish the necessary for the river as well. If the Chinese get back when will there ever be such an income, and how will it ever be reached by the barbarian outsider. The Japanese are getting into all the positions going, both military and civil, and it is just possible that they are working to get the City given over in order to get some good appointments. China perhaps thinks she can utilize Japan and cast her off when done with. She will probably find that when once the limpet gets a hold it is not so easily cast off again.

Jung Lu is reported to be

STILL IN HIGH FAVOUR

and some excellent advice which Prince Ching has endeavoured to give the Dowager has fallen on deaf ears under Jung Lu's influence. I have heard, but I cannot say for certain, that the German speaking lady, wife of an official, who was recently taken into the Palace as an interpreter, has been and even now is a public woman of low character, and her presence at the audience was an insult to all. Mrs. Conger has I hear been entertaining a party of Chinese ladies including one of Prince Ching's concubines. Yuan has obtained posthumous honours for General Nieh who was killed here in 1900. Special shrines will be erected to his memory and he is appointed Grand Guardian of the Heir Apparent. The Dowager has inquired the names of all other officers who distinguished themselves in any way.

The Russians do not intend to have plague in Manchuria if they can help it. They offered to cents for every rat killed, and within a fortnight they were 5,000 brought them.

THE KWANG-SI REBELLION.

"UNCONTROLLABLE AND EXTENDING."

PEKING, 27th March.

The Governor Ting She-giao of Kwangsi wired to the Grand Council yesterday that the Kwangsi rebellion has become uncontrollable and is extending. He begs that the Viceroy Tao-mo to be ordered to suppress the rising which the Governor says is his own fault. He asks to be dismissed from office and to be punished, but the Grand Council answered him urging him to personally attend to suppressing the rebels and also wired to the Viceroy Tao-mo to defend the Kwangtung border so as not to allow the enemy to cross into the province and also to suppress the rebels in conjunction with Governor Ting—China Gazette.

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The London and China Express of March 7th says:—

Professor Simpson, the sanitary expert who has been investigating the plague at Hongkong, has submitted a memorandum on the measures which it is advisable to take in order to combat the annual recurrence of the dread disease. To put the matter with more force than elegance, his report can be summed up in one word—rats. In his own language: "Once the requisite measures are taken against rat plague, then the measures against human plague resolve themselves into those that are ordinarily employed against an epidemic disease such as small-pox." Doubtless the various suggestions that he makes will receive the due attention of the local administration, although they are for the most part so obvious that one would have thought that it scarcely needed the aid of an expert to point them out. That rats were the real source of plague in the colony has been known for a long time, and yet up to the present the local authorities do not seem to have made anything like a sustained and systematic effort to exterminate them, or by adopting proper preventive measures to reduce the evil to a minimum. Now, perhaps, that Professor Simpson has pointed out the most effective way of achieving this end more definite action will be taken. The expert's suggestion with regard to the difficulty created by the Chinese having a dread of being taken to a European hospital is worthy of attention. He thinks that the difficulty could be overcome to a large extent by allowing the large firms to establish, with, of course, all possible precautions, private hospitals with Chinese doctors and nurses to attend the sick. We are inclined to agree with him that it would be an immense advantage to secure in this way the assistance and co-operation of the different firms in the early discovery and isolation of the sick. To prevent, as far as possible, the importation of plague, Professor Simpson also suggests the employment, under supervision, of additional assistant-surgeons from India trained in plague work to inspect incoming passengers from Canton and Macao, and yet we learn by the last mail to hand that the Sanitary Board has decided to cut down the number of assistant-surgeons to be engaged for the investigation of plague, house-to-house visiting, &c, from seven (as proposed by the Medical Officer of Health) to five. It is not surprising to learn that such action has evoked considerable criticism in the colony. It certainly seems to savour of the penny wise and pound foolish policy which has already in this matter of the plague inflicted such terrible injury upon the colony.

LIQUID FUEL STEAMERS.

A RECORD VOYAGE.

At the invitation of Sir Marcus Samuel and the Managers of the Shell Transport and Trading Company, (Limited), a party of gentlemen interested in liquid fuel visited Thames Haven, where they had an opportunity of inspecting the steamship *Murex*, which has just completed the longest voyage on record under liquid fuel. Built ten years ago for ordinary coal-burning purposes, the *Murex*, commanded by Captain Hildyard, was the pioneer in a fleet of 25 vessels in the Shell Line, which for propulsion and all auxiliary steam requirements now depend exclusively upon the consumption of crude petroleum. In her oil-carrying tanks she has brought home a large cargo of benzine, which is now being rapidly discharged under the supervision of Mr. A. G. Adams, the Manager of the London and Thames Haven Wharves, (Limited). The vessel left Singapore on the 18th of December last, and on January 11th reached Capetown, where oil was landed for use in the locomotives on the Cape Railways. Starting again on January 15th, the *Murex* arrived in the Thames the other day having completed a journey of 11,830 miles. On Singapore to Capetown her main speed was 27 knots on a liquid fuel consumption of 15.1 tons per day for the main engines and 38 cwt. per day of the auxiliary engines. On the passage from Capetown to Thames Haven the average speed was 9.8 knots, but owing to the very heavy weather experienced, the liquid fuel burned per day went up to 16.5 tons; the auxiliary consumption being 38.8 cwt.

SAVING IN THE COST.

Taking the voyage throughout, there was a total consumption of liquid fuel for all purposes of from 17 tons to 18 tons per day, while, had the vessel been burning coal, the corresponding consumption of Welsh would have been from 24 tons to 25 tons, or, with Japanese or other varieties, from 30 tons to 32 tons per day. Therefore, making allowance for differences in price, it is claimed that, in the first place, there is an actual saving as regards cost of fuel, but still more significant it would appear are the economies effected in relation to available cargo-carrying capacity and to labour. The crude petroleum burned in the furnaces is stored in the large tanks in the double bottom of the steamer, and in other spaces which, in a ship consuming coal, are rarely, if ever, fully utilised. Thus the whole of the central cubical area, enclosed fore and aft by protecting coffer-dams, is made available for oil in bulk or for mixed cargo, of which a considerable quantity is entrusted to the liquid fuel steamers of the Shell Line. The contingent saving accrued under the heading of labour in the stoke-hold is illustrated by the experience of the *Murex*, which employed only three stokers, instead of at least 24, the number necessary when coal was used. These and other advantages were explained by Sir Fortescue Flannery, M.P., representing the Coalfields Engineers to the owners. The party included Sir John Colomb, M.P., Commander A. R. Hulbert (Naval Intelligence Department), Mr. G. G. Lambourne (representing the Russian Government) and Mr. E. O. Onda (of the Japanese Geological Survey).

G. G. LAMBOURNE, GENERAL MANAGER, PROVISIONAL MANAGER.

HEAD COVERINGS.

There is character in hats. The glossy silk "topper" of the man of fashion suggests the top of the social tree; and the hard unbrushed felt, pushed hastily on to the back of the head, betokens the rough-and-tumble struggle in the jungle of untidiness and care. Yet, again, that same hard felt, when of good quality, well kept and well poised proclaims the gentleman even more than a poor and pretentious silk topper, or one whose curly brim is too curly and its glossiness too pronounced. This last topper is like a gold chain which is too thick, and altogether too ostentatious. When you come to think of it the hard felt might be called the sleepless hat, because it never had a nap.

Another napless hat is THE BOATING STRAW which, as a matter of fact, is not straw at all, but chip, yet does not care a straw about that, but thinks it is quite as good as any straw, if not better. It looks quite chippy if people think it is what it is not. It is no doubt quite proud in the consciousness that it is not a man of straw. In town the straw declares quite loudly that its owner—as well as the hat itself—does not care two straws for fashion, but thinks more of shading himself from the hot sun and wearing that which is light and comfortable than of all the unwritten conventions of society in the world. So though it is so innocent in appearance, the straw seems to have a good deal of defiance in its light land dried-up constitution. The chip and straw are first cousins to the aristocratic Panama, and though you cannot exactly call it a fraud, yet truth compels me to say that it also is not exactly what it appears to be—that is, it does not hail from the renowned isthmus, but from the South American countries of Ecuador and Peru, and some indeed from no farther than Belgium.

Stay, yonder is the ODD SCHOOL-HAT OR COLLEGE-CAP irreverently termed mortar-board to jovial youth. The head-gear of dons is donned under compulsion no doubt by certain boys of pretentious schools which like to call themselves colleges; while the lads of really high-class preparatory schools are content with neat and uniform caps of cloth. And yet again, there is the tidy, gentlemanly cap so comfortable in windy weather, betokening that the wearer is off duty so far as town fashion is concerned; and there is the slouchy, greasy head-gear of the loafing labourer, or the prim and aggressive skull-covering of Bill Sikes. The word skull, of course, reminds one irresistibly of the skull-cap, which has not the remotest resemblance to a skull; but it will not be regarded as a bold statement to say that it does suggest a hairless head, and for, saying this I trust no one will give me a wiggle. Then there is the wide awake often worn by good men and true, who, however, are frequently very far from resembling their hats in this respect; while, again, there is another species of

SOFT FELT, OR CLOTH, HAT that, when clapped defiantly on some fellows' heads, seems to have been specially made for the objectionable genus Bouncer. Yes, there is character in hats; and there is history and enterprise also. How came these various hats into being, whose presence about us is now so obvious? What is their mercantile story? Time was, I suppose, when everybody was like the Bluecoat boys, and wore no hats; they were content with the head covering which no doubt, Dame Nature intended for us all—namely, the hair. But we have improved, or spoilt that little idea, and we wear the hair of other animals made into felt, instead of our own. In fact, we have gone further, and wear their fur in a similar manner.

I do not know exactly who, or what, started the idea of wearing hats. It may have been THE LOVE OF LADIES FOR ADORNMENT, or—on second thoughts—it may have been a not unnatural desire for some shelter from the sun and rain. The ancient Greeks seem to have started the suggestion—that is, so far as our hats, as distinct from caps and bonnets of to-day, are concerned. I do not mean to say that Homer walked about the fields of Attica—or where he did walk—in a well-brushed silk topper, which somehow would get on the back of his head as he kept pushing up the spectacles—if he had any—in order to see the spectacle about him. But it does appear to be a fact that hats with brims are descended, or evolved, from the ancient Greek "petasos," which possessed a brim, and may certainly be said to have brimmed over when filled up with a wise Greek head. Other Grecian head-gear seems to have been termed a pilos, or pileus, and in some cases, at least, these caps—or whatever we may call them in common-sense English—appear to have had coverings for the ears. But not having been able to personally observe these things, I am compelled to speak from what may be called hearsay. Some of the Romans appear to have had a conical (and comical) head-gear called an apex, and not

A DUNCE'S CAP, though an apex shaped like a cone on a man's head would certainly provoke our irreverent youth to use that sportive title.

To come to our own island, our honoured ancestors about the year 700 or 800—somehow a hundred years or so in those days does not seem to matter so much as now—our beloved ancestors took to wearing skin caps, with the hair, of course, outside. So they troited about with the hair of a rat, or maybe a rabbit, or some such animal, rather than their own hair, exposed to the weather. About a century later, hats of wool or felt began to appear. These were not new, however—there is nothing new under the sun, nor even a new hat—for the Grecian "petasos" was composed of felt. It was not I think, until the twelfth century that we hear of Beaver hats. Chaucer declares, in his "Canterbury Tales," that the merchant had "on his head a beaver hat."

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